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### SINGING COMPETITION



## Tryouts held for 'Agawam Idol'

**Above: Christine Wilson tries out for "Agawam Idol" Monday night at the Springfield Turnverein.**  
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**Left: Samantha Myburg gives it her best shot during her try-out audition.**

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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**M**ore than 50 area singers had the lights on them on during auditions for the first-ever "Agawam Idol" at the Springfield Turnverein.

After more than three weeks of postponements, tryouts for the singing competition were held last Monday night at the Turnverein building on North Westfield Street.

Among those trying out was Miriam Tefts of Southwick. She enjoys singing and says she hopes that she can make a run to be the first Agawam Idol champion.

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Samantha Myburg traveled all the way from Sunderland. She has tried out for American Idol in the past and enjoys singing contest.

"They are a lot of fun and I heard about this one from a co-worker who heard it on the radio," Myburg said.

Joe Labreque, chairman of entertainment for the Turnverein, said the contest grew out of the club's Thursday karaoke nights.

"We usually get a really good turnout for karaoke nights," said Labreque. "So we came up with the idea of hav-

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Mayor's car can remain 'incognito'

*Majority of council – but not enough – wanted town vehicle marked*

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The mayor will keep his unmarked car after the City Council fell one vote short of passing an ordinance requiring Agawam decals and municipal plates.

The council voted 7-4 in favor of the compromise measure that would have allowed the police chief to retain his unmarked car. Because it is an ordinance, eight votes were required for passage.

Councilors Robert Rossi and Donald Rheault brought forward the proposal, saying they wanted more transparency for the taxpayers, who pay for vehicles used by town employees. The original proposal made no exception for the police chief.

Rossi, a former police officer in Agawam, said the police chief's vehicle is not used for undercover operations and it should be marked and have municipal plates. Councilor Gina Letellier was among those who objected to that.

"The chief takes his vehicle home and we do not want to make him a target by having him have a marked vehicle," said Letellier.

Councilors George Bitzas and Paul Cavallo agreed with her at a Legislative Subcommittee meet-

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### HIGH SCHOOL

## Board proposes naming track for Lou Conte

By Mike Lydick  
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When reconstruction of the Agawam High School sports track is completed it will likely bear the name of the school's retired athletic director.

Three School Committee members recently proposed a resolution to rename the sports track for former athletic director Lou Conte. The committee took the first vote to approve changing the name to the Louis Conte Track at its Feb. 10 meeting.

Diane Juzba sponsored the resolution, which was co-sponsored by Shelley Reed and Wendy Rua, as a way to honor and recognize Conte for his many years of service to the district, its students, and its athletes.

Conte began his 35-year career in Agawam in 1975 as a

physical education teacher. He was appointed director of athletics, physical education and student activities in 2000 — the year he began trying to get improvements made to the track and athletic field.

The resolution cited Conte's "positive influence" on many of Agawam's youth by serving as both a mentor and educator. During his career in Agawam, Conte spent "countless hours" with students as a coach for freshmen baseball, assistant coach for freshmen football, and as coach of varsity boys basketball and varsity girls basketball teams.

Conte was named Athletic Director of the Year in 2010 by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. In addition to his athletic duties,

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### TOWN PLANNER

## Coworkers, friends celebrate Dachos' 33-year career as town's 1st planner

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Last Thursday night, Agawam officials and town supporters celebrated the career of Town Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos.

Dachos retired Friday after 33 years as Agawam's first and only town planner.

Dachos left a lasting legacy throughout the town of Agawam. She has been part of the massive changes in business, industry and recreation in town since 1982.

Mayor Richard Cohen has the difficult task of choosing her successor. He says everyone can be succeeded, but says choosing Dachos' replacement will be a very difficult task.

"There is no one that can match the experience level Debbie has,"

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**Mayor Richard Cohen hugs retiring Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos at her retirement party last Thursday night.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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Junior Women’s club installs officers

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women’s Club recently installed the following members as officers and directors for 2015: Sarah Williams, second vice president; Samantha Rudd, president; Alexis Simmons, first vice president; Christina Beauchemin, treasurer; Theresa Conklin, newsletter chair; Kathy Mounneimneh, publicity chair; Donna Shibley, ways and means chair; Mary O’Connell, recording secretary; and Janine Iacolo, corresponding secretary.

Club members Christina Beauchemin and Janine Iacolo were recognized at the installation meeting. Beauchemin was selected for the Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year Award and Iacolo was the recipient of the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award. Both women received their respective awards for going above and beyond the call of duty in service to their community.



Above: Newly elected officers and directors for the Agawam Junior Women’s Club were installed recently. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Right: Christina Beauchemin, left, and Janine Iacolo, were recognized at a recent meeting for outstanding service to the community



Parish Cupboard hires donations assistant

Martha Tighe, executive director of the Parish Cupboard, has announced the hiring of a food assistant, who will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. All food donors, including businesses, churches and individuals, are requested to deliver their donations during these hours so that the assistant can help with lifting and carrying, sorting, dating

and shelving. This support is vital to the Parish Cupboard’s mission and is appreciated. Current needs are cereal and peanut butter.

The Parish Cupboard serves residents of Agawam and West Springfield. Donations are accepted at 1023 Main St., West Springfield. For more information, call 413-734-7969 or email [ParishCupboard@aol.com](mailto:ParishCupboard@aol.com).

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Because of an error, the full name of St. John’s Church was incorrect on page 1 of last week’s Agawam Advertiser News. The correct name is St. John the Evangelist Church.

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# Council check on mayor withdrawn

*Proposal would have subjected dept. head hires to a vote*

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If City Councilor Anthony Suffriti’s proposal to check the mayor’s hiring authority changes anything, it may be the council rules themselves.

Following Suffriti’s request from two weeks ago, the council on Tuesday voted 8-1 to withdraw his proposed resolution. The resolution would have placed a question on November’s ballot asking voters to amend the hiring process for heads of town departments. Those hires are made solely by the mayor; if the resolution and ballot vote had passed, they would have been made by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Suffriti said that after he filed the proposal, he had a meeting with Mayor Richard Cohen and some department heads on Feb. 4. He subsequently tried to withdraw his proposal at the Feb. 5 special council meeting.

At that meeting, Councilor Gina Letellier asked to keep the agenda item on because she wanted to hear why Suffriti wanted to withdraw the resolution. Council President Christopher Johnson ruled as chair to refer the item to the Legislative Subcommittee, saying it is not the council’s normal practice to withdraw resolutions while they are still new business.

Councilor George Bitzas objected, but did not officially challenge Johnson. He later cited Robert’s Rules of Order, which state that a resolution could be withdrawn at any time by its sponsor. The council follows Robert’s Rules unless superceded by the town charter or a council rule.

At the Feb. 11 Legislative Subcommittee meeting, councilors debated whether the item should even be discussed, since Suffriti planned on withdrawing it.

Bitzas said he was not only against the proposal, but against discussion. Councilor Robert Rossi and Letellier both asked to be able to listen to what Suffriti had to say.

Suffriti said Cohen told him that changing the way appointments were made could negatively affect the work environment, and would likely increase — not decrease, as Suffriti had hoped when he first authored the resolution — political pressure on the appointment process.

Cohen said last week the administrative union would likely file a grievance for a change in work conditions if the resolution were to pass and voters went in favor of it.

Letellier said she did not think the union would be able to take an issue on the resolution, and said she thinks Suffriti was ganged up on by the mayor and department heads and it was a shame he was withdrawing the resolution.

Bitzas said the townspeople voted for a strong mayor in 1989 and that has been the will of the people since that time.

“The mayor should be able to choose the department heads and we should support him,” said Bitzas. “That is how the charter is written.”

At Tuesday night’s council meeting, Council President Christopher Johnson clarified that under Robert’s Rules of Order, he used his right as the chairman to make a ruling not to remove the agenda item at the last council meeting. He said if councilors had a problem, they are welcome to challenge him and he is fine with that.

“I am not right all the time, and I welcome a councilor or councilors to challenge my ruling,” said Johnson.

Suffriti then moved to withdraw the item from the agenda, which was supported by an 8-1 vote. Suffriti and Letellier both abstained from the vote and Rossi voted against, wanting to see them item move forward on the agenda.

Following the debate, ideas about reviewing the council’s rules and the charter were brought forward. Johnson suggested holding a council workshop in the near future to review council rules. The workshop may be held at the next Legislative Subcommittee meeting on March 11.

# Retirement party to honor firefighters

A retirement party honoring Fire Lt. Jim Lancour, Fire Lt. Marc Yacavone and firefighter Brian Keefe will be held Friday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. at Crestview Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Tickets are \$35 and include dinner and entertainment with a disc jockey. Tickets are available for purchase at Agawam Fire Headquarters administrative office, 800 Main St., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Paint night to benefit girls soccer

The Agawam United Girls PV soccer team will host a “paint and sip” fundraiser Friday, March 13, from 7-9 p.m. at Casa Di Lisa, 801 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This is a fun way to spend time together and take home a masterpiece. Tickets are available online at [www.paintsipfun.com](http://www.paintsipfun.com).

For more information, call 413-519-2014 or email [tiffanyMsmith@kw.com](mailto:tiffanyMsmith@kw.com).

# Reactions vary to Valley Gives’ move to spring

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Hundreds of nonprofits participated in the Valley Gives Days in each of the last three Decembers, and their spokespeople have expressed a range of views on the planned change in the time of year at which the event is to be held hereafter.

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, sponsor of the fundraising event, plans to schedule the next Valley Gives not in December but in the spring of 2016, according to Kristin Leutz, vice president of the foundation’s philanthropic services. The foundation has been happy with the results so far, but believes a springtime date would bring an even better response.

“We do extensive research after every Gives Day,” Leutz said recently. “We use that data to make decisions about what the community needs and wants.”

Young Singers of Greater Westfield, one of the participating organizations, agrees. YSGW, formed 15 years ago, manages a concert choir of talented young people in grades 1 through 12. December 2014 was the second time YSGW participated in Valley Gives. Janet St. Jean, the artistic director and one of the co-founders, said in a recent interview that she would prefer a Valley Gives event in the spring.

“We have our other major donations campaign in November,” she said. YSGW would get more benefit from the two events were they spaced out.

## Contrasting opinions

But one fundraiser for another Westfield nonprofit isn’t as positive. Bill Westerlind, president of the Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum, understands the argument in favor of a seasonal change.

“There’s so much competition in the month of December,” he said, but it is “during the holiday season that people are in the mood to donate. My gut tells me that when Valley Gives Day moves to the spring it will end up in competition with the weather.”

Friends of the Athenaeum has been around for about twenty years, and in that

time, Westerlind says, it has raised \$160,000 for the Westfield Athenaeum, the community’s library. Friends of the Athenaeum has participated in Valley Gives Day twice, and did much better (roughly four times as well) in 2014 than it had done in 2013. The first year of participation was a “learning experience,” Westerlind says.

An Agawam nonprofit, the Agawam Historical Association, participated in Valley Gives for the first time in 2014. Though it didn’t raise very much (only four unique donors and \$180), it may well prove in hindsight that this was the same sort of learning experience as was the Friends of the Athenaeum’s first year. The president of the Historical Association, Marilyn Curry, has a positive view of the Gives Day process and an optimistic outlook on the date change.

If there is another opportunity in the spring of 2016, “we are likely to participate,” she said.

## Success and change

The December 2014 Valley Gives Day was more successful than either of its two precursors, bringing in \$2.7 million from donors, up from \$2.01 million the year before.

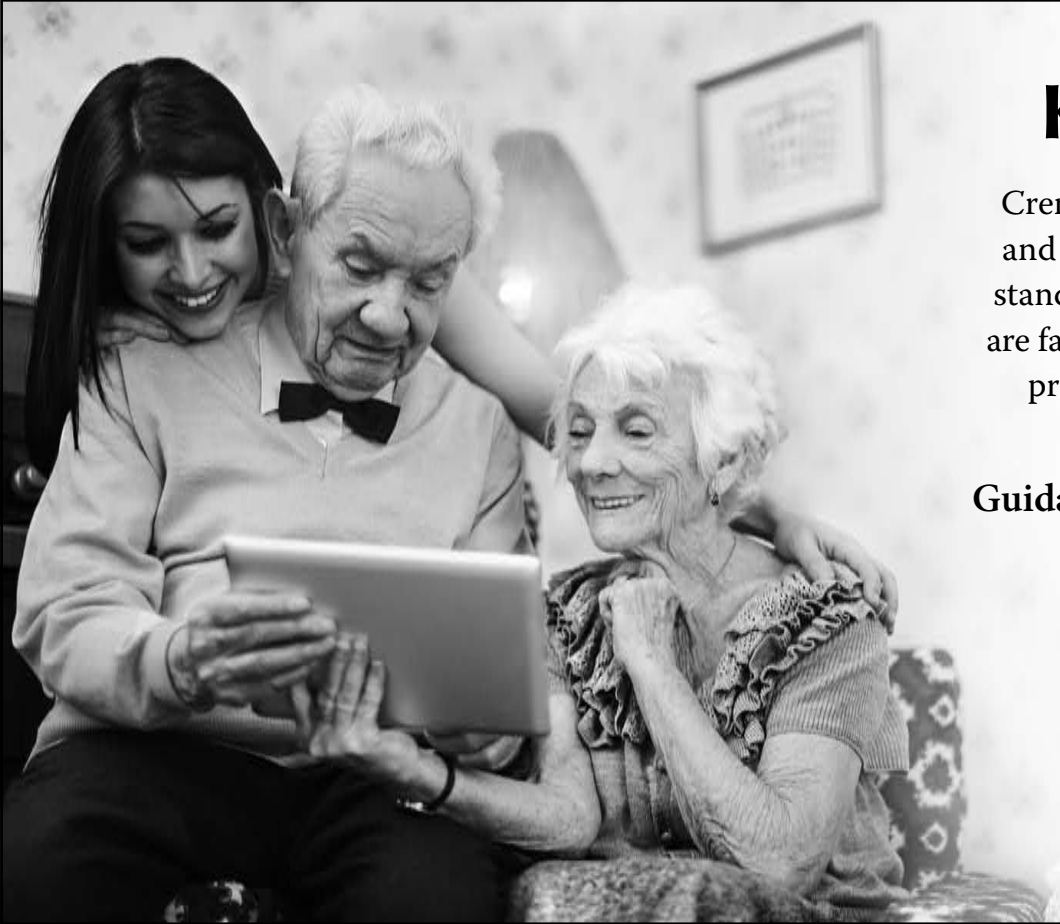
The success of Valley Gives Day for a particular nonprofit is a consequence of more than the number of donors or their generosity. There are also “golden tickets,” a lottery-like element, and there is a “new donor” bonus. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County received \$4,370 from 52 unique donors through the latest Gives Day, plus a \$500 golden ticket, for a total of \$4,870. It has participated in each of the last three years.

Katelynn Lockhart, administrative manager at BBBS of Hampshire, said that she was “one of those who requested that they change the day.” December is always a good time for donations, as some people feel generous because of the holiday season and others are moved to wrap-up the tax year properly. But it’s “the spring when we struggle most for donations,” Lockhart said, so a Valley Gives Day would be most welcome then.

# Discounted ski tickets on sale

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department has a limited number of discounted one-day passes available to the Blandford Ski Area. Passes will be sold for \$25 and are good any day that Blandford is open. The ski area is in the town of Blandford, about a half-hour drive northwest of Agawam.

These passes represent a significant discount from weekend lift ticket rates at Blandford, which range as high as \$44 for an adult Saturday ticket. Passes will go on sale at 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, at 8:30 a.m. beginning Monday, Feb. 23, with a limit of two passes per person.



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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

## Remember those who truly suffer in snow and cold

How many times in the past month have you complained about shoveling, scraping and salting? About being “plowed in” again by the DPW, just after you finished the driveway? About having no place left to blow the snow? About having to fire up the furnace, scheduling another delivery of oil or paying an exorbitant natural gas bill?

If you're like most people, you're more than a little tired and annoyed at all the extra work, extra expense and inconvenience we've had so far in late January and February.

And if you're like most people, you've got it good.

The past month has been tough on all of us, with snowstorm after snowstorm and, now, some of the lowest temperatures of the year. But like all extreme weather, it's toughest on the people who had the least to begin with.

When the weather cancels school, it's a scramble for working parents to find alternate arrangements for their children. But what about when weather cancels a lifeline social service?

Over at the Parish Cupboard, a food pantry and meal site serving Agawam and West Springfield, walk-ins always dip after a blizzard or during a chill like this one — not because there's less need, but because so many of their clients don't have a way to get to there in bad weather. When the sidewalks are blocked by snow and it's too cold for a half-hour or hour-long walk over the bridge, the highest priority is to stay in a safe and warm place, according to Executive Director Martha Tighe.

What that means, however, is that when this cold snap ends, the pent-up need will be larger than usual.

As much as it may frost your ears and fingertips to tote one or two more bags from the supermarket to the car, and from the car to the house, remember your local food pantries, such as those at the Parish Cupboard and at Bethany Assembly of God on Main Street, in your shopping trips this week. You were able to dig out your car, drive to the store and spend money there. Others are not as fortunate.

And if you have an extra jacket, hat or pair of mittens hanging around in the closet, consider bringing it in to the Parish Cupboard, your own church or any other local service agency. We may not be able to melt all this snow or warm up this weather, but at least we can warm up our neediest neighbors.

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## YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

### Viv's 80th reunion

We now have a great piece of AHS memorabilia for the library display case in May. Vivian (Cordes)

Roberts '35 has lent us an orange tote bag signed by her and some of her classmates at their 70th reunion. Back in 2005, Viv wrote under her own name, “Still kicking.” Well, here it is 2015 and Viv is still kicking. Back in January she spoke at the Agawam Historical Association potluck supper telling everyone how her husband, Norm Roberts played football with Creighton Abrams and went to first and second grade where Main Street meets River Road.

Viv also works at the Baptist Church Trading Post on Wednesday of each week. Believe it or not, Viv, who will be 97 on April 16, is going to have an 80th reunion with her classmate, Vern Spear. He now lives in Westfield and we will cover their get-together and tell you about Vern in a future column. “Old age is not for sissies!” another '35 wrote on the tote bag. My favorite read, “I'm a self-made man, but I think if I had to do it over again, I'd call

someone else.”

Back in the fall, some Longmeadow soccer players kicked a couple of balls over the fence at their home game against Agawam during pregame warm-ups. Since I was crossing the street as the balls bounced around in traffic, I grabbed both and brought them to the fence to give to a uniformed Longmeadow player. He thanked me as he walked away and I saw a long Greek name on the back of his shirt. For some crazy reason I hollered to him to come back for a second. Believe it or not, I quickly told him how his long name reminded me of my seventh grade math teacher, Peter Sarantopoulos, who legally shortened his name halfway through the school year and became Mr. Sarant. The boy responded quickly, “You're not going to believe this. Ted Sarant, who is Peter's son, is at my home right now remodeling our kitchen.”

If you like math problems, you may want to calculate the likelihood of what happened. Surely it taught me to talk to

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**Walt Willard**  
Guest Columnist

## CALL TO THE CAUSE

### Dreaming while it hurts

As a child, I was the victim of constant bullying. By the time I was in the third grade, I was chased home almost every day by boys who were older and bigger than me. I got beat up constantly.

Many kids run because it's a playful, childlike thing to do. I ran because I was afraid. Each day, I planned my route home in the hopes that I would be able to outrun the kids who were chasing me. Even though the distance to home was not that far, some days it felt like I was running for hours.

As I reflect back on that difficult time in my life, I realize there was one thing that saved me.

Dreams.

As I ran, I dreamt of happy times. I dreamt of faraway places where I wasn't in any danger. I imagined that I would someday be bigger and stronger and able to defend myself. I fanaticized that I would arrive home and the father that I never knew would be waiting for me to protect me from the bullies who were chasing me. I dreamt that someday I would be married to a beautiful woman. I even imagined having wings to fly.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

If I hadn't been a dreamer, I never

would have rescued myself from the only life I knew. Those fantasies inspired me to get educated and build a career where I could help others realize their dreams. Dreaming while I was hurting, helped me separate myself from the pain.



**Kirk Ray Smith**  
Guest Columnist

While I had to dream on my own, I also know how much easier it is to dream when you surround yourself with people who encourage you to dream and help make those dreams come true. Places like the YMCA can free people from their troubled realities. We help kids dream about becoming successful. We help people dream about living a healthy lifestyle. We help people learn how to dream about what MIGHT be and make it what WILL be.

Answer the call to the cause: Never underestimate the power of dreams or being the facilitator of those dreams. Dream while it hurts. Know that what you are going through right now is nowhere near as important as where you will end up. Your momentary situation is never as important as your destination.

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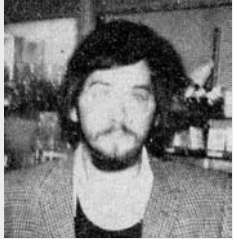
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Last week's photo: There were no responses correctly identifying Ron Hamel.

## Boldyga named to Ways and Means

BOSTON — State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, has been named to the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which is responsible for all matters related to the finances of state government. The committee is tasked with putting forward the House budget proposal, as well as the reconciliation process with the Senate budget proposal, for each fiscal year.

"I am honored to be appointed to the Ways and Means Committee and look forward to being able to serve the constituents in my district, and across the commonwealth, to bring fiscal responsibility to the budget process," Boldyga said. "I look forward to working with my fellow committee colleagues in a bipartisan manner to put forward a balanced budget that will promote job growth, sustain local aid, and ensure that Western Massachusetts receives its fair share of budget resources."

Boldyga's district includes Agawam, Southwick and Granville.

House Minority Leader Brad Jones Jr., R-North Reading, announced the committee assignments after a recent formal session of the House of Representatives.

"With his extensive private sector experience working as an auditor in the financial sector, Rep. Boldyga has a clear understanding of what it takes to balance a budget, and that knowledge will serve him well as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee," said Jones. "Rep. Boldyga will also bring a sense of balance to the committee by advocating for the needs and interests of Western Massachusetts. I am confident he will do a tremendous job for his district and the commonwealth as a whole by promoting fiscal discipline and working to ensure that the state is not spending beyond its means."

Boldyga also serves on the Bonding Committee, which considers all matters providing for the giving, loaning or pledging of the credit of the state of Massachusetts.



Rep. Boldyga

## Conn. River watershed gets \$10M grant

The Connecticut River Watershed Council announced last week that it is one of seven partners receiving a \$10 million federal grant funded through U.S. Department of Agriculture's Regional Conservation Partnership Program. This project is intended to improve the health of Long Island Sound. As the funding must be matched dollar-for-dollar by other local, state and private sources, the grant will help support at least \$20 million in watershed improvements.

"The council is very pleased to be one of the many partners on this important project to improve the health of both the Connecticut River basin and Long Island Sound," said CRWC Executive Director Andrew Fisk. "Funding will allow CRWC to continue working with landowners on restoration projects on their land that will improve our rivers and protect their investment in productive farm and forest land."

Fisk said this week that his group, along with local conservation districts and other partners in the four states that border the river, will work with landowners in the coming weeks to identify specific projects to be funded. He said this particular federal grant is exceptional for the degree to which local authorities are able to set priorities.

Owners of protected farm or forest land in Agawam who need help in implementing programs or landscaping that will reduce river pollution should contact the Hampden and Hampshire Conservation Districts in Hadley at 413-586-5440, ext. 117, or [413treesale@gmail.com](mailto:413treesale@gmail.com); or the CRWC in Greenfield at 413-772-2020, or [crwc@ctriver.org](mailto:crwc@ctriver.org).

Excess nutrients have been identified as the primary driver of hypoxic conditions (lack of oxygen) in Long Island Sound and are also impacting upland water resources within the watershed, which encompasses areas of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. This project will develop a comprehensive, whole-farm management certainty program for farmers in the area and use both working lands and easement programs to improve soil health and nutrient management, establish community resiliency areas

with a focus on enhancing riparian areas, and institute a land protection program to protect agricultural and forestry areas.

The Connecticut River contributes over 70 percent of the freshwater to Long Island Sound and plays an important role in the health of the sound.

"We are proud to be working with landowners to help them do their part to restore and protect the public's water," said Fisk. "Many individuals working together across the entire watershed will have a great impact to improve the health of our rivers and Long Island Sound."

This project is one of more than 110 high-impact projects across all 50 states that will receive a portion of a total budget of more than \$370 million as part of this new effort.

More information on the NRCS RCPP program and other awards is available at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/). To learn more about CRWC, visit [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org).

## ACAA to meet March 11

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans will meet Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting, which will be held in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., will feature Loretta Medeiros, acrylic artist.

Medeiros will demonstrate "Fun with Acrylics" using a very versatile water-based medium. The demonstration will focus on creating a background using a technique. Medeiros will paint a composition while explaining how to do the background technique and other techniques to complete the composition. She will also discuss different types of acrylics and painting surfaces.

Guests are welcome.

### HOMETOWN ■ from page 4

people, even if I make a fool of myself occasionally.

Since there soon will be a column about 90-year-old Brownies "still kicking," I looked up Wright Street in my street list (which you can get at the Town Hall). One of the residents listed is Mary O'Rourke. Could that be our typing teacher? My Rolodex had Patty (O'Rourke) Chelawski's phone number, so I dialed it right away. Patty ('71) answered and we talked for 15 minutes. She and her husband John '71 are still in Brattleboro, Vt. Yes, that is her mom on Wright Street and Patty comes down every other weekend to get her mom's groceries for her. Thousands of Brownies remember Mrs. O'Rourke covering our hands with a piece of paper when she caught us looking at the keys. Our '63 fastest typist was Elliott Moren, who was also a concert pianist. Those weren't electric typewriters, so Elliott's 60 words per minute was amazing. More about Mrs. O'Rourke in the "over 90" column.

Rudy Altobelli is still in the Holyoke Soldiers Home. His grandson, Nick Sircar, a junior at AHS, works at McDonald's and wants to study high-tech automobile repair after graduation. Nick's mom is Rudy's daughter, Christine.

Former Red Sox catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia made me wonder which Brownie had the longest last name. My thought was that maybe Esther Didomenicantonio '53 may have the longest. She taught at Phelps and had her



Vern Spear



Vivian (Cordes) Roberts

students call her Miss Dido. She later married Sal Scuderi and she now lives on Marco Island in Florida. Gus Chrsanthopoulos taught science at AHS in the early '60s. He ties Esther with 16 letters, but I don't think he was a Brownie.

Upcoming column about Roger, Steve and David Kida.

*Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.*

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## Join Arbor Day in Feb., get 10 free trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Massachusetts who joins the Foundation in February 2015 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The blue-green hue and distinctive shape of Colorado blue spruce trees will help beautify Massachusetts for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of Massachusetts' existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the

country for more than 35 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and "The Tree Book," which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28 or visit [arborday.org/february](http://arborday.org/february).



Retiring Town Planner Debroah Dachos is surrounded by members of her family. Pictured, from left, are Anne Curtis, Jason Curtis, Deborah Dachos, Travers Curtis, Lucille Dachos and Jeff Hooper. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

### DACHOS | from page 1

said Cohen. "She brought a deep passion and a lot of integrity to the job as our first and only planner in town history. She did an exceptional job."

Cohen described Dachos as dedicated, devoted, and a wealth of knowledge.

Coworker Jennifer Bonfiglio, who works in an adjoining office overseeing the Community Preservation Act, says she turned to Dachos on a regular basis for help on evaluating projects submitted for CPA funding, some which have to go through a permitting process with the Planning Department.

"We worked together on a lot," said Bonfiglio. "She is like an encyclopedia when it comes to this town. She has all those years of experience and she has provided me with a lot of help. I will really miss."

Another coworker, Pamela Kerr, says she will really miss her friend and longtime colleague.

"I have worked with her for 28 years," said Kerr, who works as the administrative assistant in the planning office. "She was like a sister to me. I have been working with her for more than half of my life. She has brought great professionalism to my office and given me a lot of worldly advice."

Dachos' retirement party, was held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, was attended by many town officials, department heads, friends and family, and mem-

bers of the Agawam City Council.

Councilor James Cichetti praised the long and successful career Dachos had. As a city councilor, Cichetti says he has worked with her on some things, and she has always been ready and available for him to ask questions.

"She's done a really wonderful job for our town," said Cichetti. "It's been a really positive experience and she's been a real asset to helping the City Council make decisions on zoning changes."

Dachos has served alongside many different councilors and Planning Board members.

Gary Shannon, who was on the Planning Board in 1982 when Dachos as hired, said the department was in its infancy and Dachos did an excellent job running it with no help.

"She brought a great degree of professionalism and ran the department with no support staff," said Sherman. "She came on during a really busy time for the town. There was a lot of growth happening."

Ed Shibley, also a board member in 1982, said she did a great job facilitating the town when it was expanding to include more residential developments, more industrial developments, and more recreation to offer.

"Her work is reflected in the great community we have now," said Shibley.

## Garden Club to meet March 10

The Agawam Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pheasant Hill Village Community Room in Feeding Hills.

Officers and members for the current year will be introduced, normal business will be conducted and annual

dues of \$15 will be collected. A garden-related swap will follow.

Attendees are asked to bring a hand tool, decorative pot, indoor plant or reference book and take one home.

Refreshments will be served. Members and non-members are welcome.

### CAR | from page 1

ing held last Wednesday night at the Agawam Public Library. The ordinance was heavily debated with nine of the city councilors present under the council workshop format.

Letellier reasoned the chief is required to take his vehicle home and it would be put into use in the event he was called out for an emergency.

When Police Chief Eric Gillis took his position, he received an unmarked vehicle that featured regular Massachusetts plates.

Rossi further debated with other councilors about whether or not the mayor's town-issued vehicle should have the town seal and municipal plates on the vehicle.

Rheault said for the past 20 years, municipal plates have been on the mayor's car. When Cohen received a new car in 2014, he changed to regular Massachusetts plates.

Cohen says it is a common practice in Massachusetts for mayors to drive in unmarked vehicles.

"Police chiefs and mayors all over the commonwealth do not have markings on their vehicles," said Cohen. "It has never been a problem. People know who I am and what I drive."

Rossi said town employees, including

the mayor, should exercise transparency in town vehicles.

"There is no reason for them to be driving around incognito," said Rossi.

A compromise proposal was suggested by Councilor Gina Letellier, exempting only the police chief from having a marked vehicle. It passed by simple majority but failed to reach the eight votes necessary for an ordinance.

The dissenting votes were councilors James Cichetti, George Bitzas, Cavallo, and Joseph Mineo.

Mineo and Cichetti both agreed the car markings are not a problem for them.

"It has not really been an issue as long as I have been on the council," said Mineo.

Rossi and Rheault originally brought forward a proposal regarding which employees should have town-issued vehicles, and whether they could be taken home. The ordinance included a section on vehicle marking. The ordinance was scrutinized by the city solicitor and Cohen, who called it unnecessary.

After months of back-and-forth, Rossi and Rheault came forward with the ordinance only addressing how municipal vehicles are marked.

### IDOL | from page 1

ing this Agawam Idol contest."

The contest is similar to the hit television show "American Idol," in which singing hopefuls perform different songs, then receive feedback from a panel of judges. Through multiple rounds of performances, the contestants are whittled down to a small group of finalists — in Agawam's case, three — and, eventually, one winner.

Unlike karaoke, competitors in Agawam Idol will not be able to see the words of the songs they sing. The judges will be able to see the words, but competitors will have to sing songs from memory.

"We will give them a genre of music and they will likely pick a song for each round of the competition," said Labreque.

Tryouts for the show took place beginning on Feb. 10 after numerous postponements because of snowstorms that occurred three Mondays in a row.

"It was a little bit frustrating to go through the delay because we really wanted to get the contest going," said Labreque.

Tryouts then concluded on Monday night, Feb. 16, with more singers being added to the fray. Labreque said most of the singers who tried out were good enough to merit an invitation to compete. Those who participate in the contest will pay a \$35 entrance fee. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be used to help fund scholarships for Agawam High School graduates.

The judges did say they would be getting more critical during the next rounds of the contest as they seek to narrow the

field.

Labreque also credited Dogwood Audio for helping sponsor much of the contest expenses.

"They really helped us keep the costs low so we can have this," said Labreque. "If it goes well, we'd like to have it every year."

There are many other people helping to make the contest possible, including Paul Jensen, who is serving as a judge for the competition.

"I did a lot of singing in the past and I really love seeing local talent," said Jensen. "The contest sounds like a lot of fun."

Labreque says the availability of the contestants will be evaluated and a contest schedule will be developed in the near future.

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Conte served as the assistant principal at what was then called the Agawam Middle School (now the Roberta Doering School) from 1994 to 2000.

Even after his retirement in 2010, Conte continued to be "instrumental" in helping to develop a new AHS athletic and track facility. He has served as chairman of a committee that has been overseeing its design and construction.

Funding to replace the track and sports field was approved in late 2014 with construction expected to begin early this spring. The committee is expected to take its final vote on the proposed resolution at its Feb. 24 meeting.

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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 87 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Feb. 10 to Feb. 16.

On Feb. 10 at 8:48 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 10 at 9:40 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for lockout.

On Feb. 10 at 11:26 a.m., the department responded to Wilson Street for lockout.

On Feb. 10 at 4:03 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 11 at 12:40 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 11 at 3:16 p.m., the department responded to Adams Street for public service assistance, other.

On Feb. 11 at 6:41 p.m., the department responded to Memorial Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Feb. 11 at 11:23 p.m., the department responded to Shibley Court for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Feb. 12 at 10:23 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 12 at 3:52 p.m., the department responded to Cecile Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Feb. 13 at 11:17 a.m., the department responded to River road for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Feb. 13 at 2:39 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 13 at 2:49 p.m., the department responded to Kanawha Avenue for lockout.

On Feb. 13 at 4:09 p.m., the department responded to Juniper Ridge Drive for lockout.

On Feb. 13 at 11:27 p.m., the department responded to Roosevelt Avenue for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Feb. 14 at 3:25 a.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Feb. 14 at 4:39 p.m., the department responded to Wilbert Terrace for lockout.

On Feb. 14 at 5:11 p.m., the department responded to Corey Colonial for person in distress, other.

On Feb. 14 at 7:49 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On Feb. 15 at 1:30 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 15 at 5:38 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Feb. 15 at 7:32 p.m., the department responded to Poplar Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Feb. 16 at 10:01 a.m., the department responded to Brookfield Lane for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Feb. 16 at 10:51 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for public action.

On Feb. 16 at 11:42 a.m., the department responded to Homer Street for chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue.

On Feb. 16 at 2:21 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Feb. 16 at 6:38 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 16 at 11:41 p.m., the department responded to Almgren Drive for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 347 calls for service from Feb. 10 to Feb. 16. The department made four arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Thursday, Feb. 12

Justin S. Marcoux, 25, of 162 Mallard Circle, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stop or yield, and speeding.

### Friday, Feb. 13

Jody Petrangelo, 44, of 386 Hermitage Drive, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

### Saturday, Feb. 14

David J. Dale, 58, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 13, Agawam, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or over.

### Monday, Feb. 16

Emmanuel Santiago, 26, of 380 Main St., Cromwell, Conn., was arrested on charges of marked lanes violation, failure to stop for police, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and attaching plates to a motor vehicle.

## Ash lane



Pastor Ken Blanchard blesses a member of United Methodist Church in the church driveway on Mill Street during the noon hour on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. For the second year in a row, the church offered the traditional blessing with ashes on a "drive-through" basis. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## Family programs coming in March

The Agawam Family & Community Program has announced the following programs open to area families.

**Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m.:** Agawam Family Playgroup. Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A free drop-in playgroup for children birth to 5 years and their caretakers. No registration required.

**Monday, March 2:** Reading Alive with Enchanted Circle Theater, 6 to 7 p.m., Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Bringing reading to life through theater. A fun, interactive literacy workshop designed to engage children and family audiences in dramatic readings and expressive arts activities.

**Tuesday, March 10:** Mom 2 Mom, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Informal roundtable discussions for all parents to discuss topics recently presented at a Parent Café and/or Parent Education event. Inquire about community resources. Find support and encouragement. Registration not required. Free child care available.

**Tuesday, March 10:** Memory Journal Event, 6 to 7 p.m., Agawam Public Library. Pictures can only tell part of a memory. Come learn how to tell the rest of the story. Children will learn to create a memory journal that they will enjoy and treasure for years come. Registration is required; limited space is available.

**Saturday, March 21:** Agawam Community Informational Fair, 9 a.m. to noon, Agawam High School cafeteria, 760 Cooper St. A great opportunity to learn about many

local organizations providing services, support, education and athletics to Agawam families. Free child identification with MY-CHIP, free Teddy Bear Clinic and face painting. Presentations by Firefighter Pam, Zoo on the Go and more.

**Tuesday, March 24:** Healthy Sleeping facilitated by Behavior Health Network, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Agawam Public Library. Learn about the science of sleep and the impact of healthy sleep habits on development and behavior in children. Sleep deprivation mirrors behavioral disorders such as ADHD, and may cause distractibility, difficulty focusing, behavioral outbursts, difficulty with working memory, and more. Registration is not required.

**Tuesday, March 31:** Parent Café, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, or 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center dining room, 954 Main St. Teaching a child to read can be exciting, fun and confusing all at once. Janet Brown will help parents identify and recognize the skills required for a child to read, and offer practical ways to create a positive reading environment in your home. Free childcare available in the morning only.

If Agawam schools are closed, programs will be cancelled and if possible, rescheduled. If afternoon and evening events are cancelled for the schools, so are the above programs. In the event of a two-hour delay, all morning programs, including the playgroup, will be canceled. For a list of updated weather cancellations and delays, visit [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org)

## Donations, volunteers needed for book sale

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are preparing for the annual used book sale. Donations of hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs may be dropped off at the library during regular hours.

This year, the sale will be held on Friday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the community room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. There is a \$3 preview charge on Friday. Members of the Friends of the Agawam Library will be admitted free on Friday.

All proceeds will go to support programs at the library.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-

up on Thursday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To volunteer for any those times, contact Marcia Capuano at 413-786-5506.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services. For more information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state or federal government agency.

## Poetry Night open to area adults

April is "Poetry Month" and the Agawam Public Library will host a Poetry Night on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the community room. All adult poets are invited to take part in the event. Participants should plan to read one original poem, and possibly two, depending on the number of poets.

For more information or to sign up, contact Wendy McAnanama at [wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org) and use "poetry night" in the subject line. Deadline for entry is March 30.

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# Business

## Concessionaire sought for Borgatti Field

The town of Agawam is seeking a concessionaire to operate the new concession stand at Borgatti Field this spring and summer. Construction on a new concession stand at the park off River Road will be completed this spring.

Funded by the Community Preservation Act and the Berkshire Power Gift Account, the new building includes two bathrooms, a storage area and a 14-by-10 foot concession stand. Anyone interested in bidding on this is encouraged to pick up a copy of the request for proposals from the Parks and Recreation Department. The legal ad for this project can be found in the "Legals" listing below, or in the Massachusetts Central Register.

Bids are due by 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 26. Please contact Chris Sparks, director of Parks and Recreation, at 413-821-0514 or at 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, for more information.

## Murdock joins Park Square Realty

WESTFIELD — Ted Cas-sell, president of Park Square Realty, recently announced that Kylah Murdock has joined Park Square Realty's Westfield office as a sales associate. She is a graduate of Westfield State University with a degree in psychology. Murdock resides in Westfield with her husband and she is the mother or step-mother of four daughters. Park Square Realty is a locally owned residential real estate company with offices in Westfield and Feeding Hills.



Kylah Murdock

## Berkshire Bank supports food banks with eStatements

Berkshire Bank has announced that its initiative to move customers from paper statements to eStatements, in an effort to reduce their carbon footprint, resulted in 1,099 customer conversions between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2014. As a result of this campaign, Berkshire Bank Foundation is donating \$3,500 to local food banks, having previously pledged donations for every account that converted to eStatements. Seven New York and New England food banks will share the donation, including the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

The bank's local branch is at 1359 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

# Legals

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7:00 pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA to hear the petition of the Agawam City Council on a proposed zoning amendment (TOR-2015-1) to the Town's "Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District" by adding Section 180-95A. TOR-2015-1 is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office and the Planning Department, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

BY ORDER OF:

**Christopher C. Johnson**  
President of the  
Agawam City Council  
2/12,2/19/15

### AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Crocker Building Co. for property located on Century Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation  
Commission  
2/19/15

### AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT January 29, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community

Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Mushy's Golf Center, LLC which is appealing a decision of the Agawam Building Inspector as allowed under Section 2, paragraph C of the Town of Agawam's "Adopted Charter" and MGL Ch 40A regarding parking at the premises identified as 369, 385 and 389 Main Street.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
2/19,2/26/15

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD15P0161PM  
In the matter of:  
Alice J Goodrich  
Of: Agawam, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/  
Minor)**

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF CONSERVATOR OR  
OTHER PROTECTIVE  
ORDER PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B,  
§5-304 & 5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Patricia Salisbury** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Alice J Goodrich** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jonathan J Davey** of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 03/02/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 03, 2015  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
2/19/15

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BORGATTI FIELD CONCESSION STAND

Town of Agawam on behalf of the Parks & Recreation is soliciting proposals for the following services under Chapter 30B, Section 16 of the Massachusetts General Laws:

**S N A C K B A R  
CONCESSION SERVICE  
FOR THE 2015, SUMMER  
SEASON** from May 1, 2015 through November 1, 2015,

with two (2) one (1) season options for 2016 and 2017 at the sole discretion of the Town.

For the following lease premises:

**Snack Bar Concession at  
Borgatti Field**

Copies of specifications, questions or requests for information may be directed to the Parks & Recreation Director, Christopher Sparks at the Parks & Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or via email to recreation@agawam.ma.us.

Sealed proposals must be received **at or before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015** at the Town of Agawam, Office of the Mayor, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The Lease will be awarded within 45 days. Proposals will be opened and read in the Law Department Thursday March 26, 2015, 200 p.m. and will be open to the public, however, final award determination will not be made until proposals have been evaluated. All responses must be received in a sealed envelope properly marked **"Borgatti Field Concession Stand - Proposal"** prior to the deadline.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.  
2/19/15

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD15P0164PM  
In the matter of:  
Dennis S Buell, Jr.  
Of: Agawam, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/  
Minor)**

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF CONSERVATOR OR  
OTHER PROTECTIVE**

### ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall West** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Dennis S Buell, Jr.** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Davey J Jonathan** of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 03/03/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Anne M**

**Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 03, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate

2/19/15

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD13P1436EA  
Estate of:  
Pershing Helgevoid  
Date of Death:  
06/18/2013  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
ORDER OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT  
OF ESTATE**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Betty L. Laliberte** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 03/04/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 04, 2015

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate

2/19/15

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# Seniors

## Agawam Senior Center

### Lunch Menu

MONDAY, FEB. 23: FRENCH MEAT PIE, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, MIXED VEGETABLES, BANANAS.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24: BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP, CHICKEN CUTLET ON A ROLL, LETTUCE AND TOMATO, MIXED FRUIT.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25: ROAST TURKEY DINNER, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, CALIFORNIA BLEND VEGETABLES, BAKED GOOD.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26: STUFFED PEPPERS, MASHED POTATOES, CORN, DICED PEARS.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27: TUNA CASSEROLE, CAESAR SALAD, PUDDING.

### Calendar of Events

MONDAY, FEB. 23: 8 A.M., WEIGHT TRAINING; 8:15 A.M., YOGA; 9 A.M., PAINTING CLUB; 9:30 A.M., LINE DANCING; 11:30 A.M., GENTLE YOGA; 1 P.M., BINGO; 5:30 P.M., ZUMBA GOLD.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24: S.H.I.N.E. REPRESENTATIVE AVAILABLE (BY APPT.); 9 A.M., EXERCISE, KNITTING CLASS, SEWING CLASS; 10

A.M., CHAIR EXERCISE, COMPUTER TECH. CLUB MEETS; 12:30 P.M., LADIES BILLIARDS, MAH JONGG, MOVIE ("BED OF ROSES"); 1 P.M., MEXICAN TRAIN GAME; 2:30 P.M., CHORUS; 4:30 P.M., YOGA; 6 P.M., BEGINNER LINE DANCE; 6:30 P.M., EVENING SEWING CLASS.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25: 8 A.M., WEIGHT TRAINING; 8:15 A.M., YOGA; 9:45 A.M., GENTLE YOGA; 12:30 P.M., BRIDGE; 1 P.M., BALLROOM LESSONS, SCRABBLE; 1:30 P.M., GOLDEN AGERS CHAPTER 1 MEETING; 5:30 P.M., ZUMBA GOLD.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26: FREE TAX PREP (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY); 8:30 A.M., CHAIR EXERCISE; 9 A.M., EXERCISE; 9:30 A.M., QUILTING; 10 A.M., LINE DANCING; 12:30 P.M., BRIDGE; 1 P.M., PITCH, OPEN ART CLASS; 2 P.M., MELODY BAND PRACTICE; 6 P.M., CANCER SUPPORT GROUP; 6:30 P.M., PITCH, EVENING LINE DANCING.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27: 8 A.M., YOGA; 9:15 A.M., ALL MEDIA ART; 10 A.M., TAI CHI; NOON, CANASTA; 1 P.M., PITCH, CRIBBAGE; 5:30 P.M., ZUMBA GOLD.

## Senior Center trips to take

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center have announced the following trips scheduled for the upcoming year.

Mohegan Sun Casino: Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28.

9/11 Memorial Museum: April 14. Cost is \$74 per person, including all taxes and gratuities.

Las Vegas at Harrah's: April 19-24. Cost is \$915 per person, double/triple occupancy; \$1,095 per person, single occupancy.

Argia Mystic Cruise: June 11. Cost is \$73 per person, including all taxes and gratuities.

Barbra Streisand Tribute Show at Amaranthe's Sea Cliff: July 16. Cost is \$84 person, including all taxes and gratuities.

The Platters at the Log Cabin: Oct. 8. Cost is \$49 per person. Transportation is on your own.

The Music of Frank Sinatra at the Castle of Knights: Nov. 10. Cost is \$50 per person. Transportation is on your own.

Eight to the Bar at Chez Josef: Dec. 10. Cost is \$47 per person. Transportation is

on your own.

A non-refundable \$10 deposit is due with sign-up on all trips with the exception of Las Vegas, which requires a \$150 deposit.

For more information, call Penny at 413-519-7223.

## Senior Fair at Heritage Woods

Heritage Woods Senior Living will hold a Senior Fair on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at 462 Main St., Agawam. Admission is free. Visitors can participate in free blood pressure, hearing and balance screenings. There will also be free chair massages and free food samples from the Ninety Nine Restaurant.

For more information, call 413-789-8332 or email [nicole.wallace@gensishcc.com](mailto:nicole.wallace@gensishcc.com).

## Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

The theme for this year's chorus show, scheduled for April 17, is "Love." Chorus practice on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m., after the movie, will start up again in March after winter vacation.

There is plenty of time for new or former

members to take part in this year's concert. Members are welcome to bring friends and enjoy the new format, which is not "here is a love song and here is another love song," but an arrangement of songs that tell a story with only a brief stop after each song. Former members are invited for a couple months of musical memories and fun.



Troop 82 Boy Scout Dan Robie will earn his Eagle Scout Award this year. Pictured, from left to right, are past Scoutmaster Richard Robie, current Scoutmaster Dave Robinson, Robie, and past Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Mentor Mark McLaughlin.



Troop 82 Class of 2014 Eagle Scouts, from left, Mason Hollander, Ryan Riel, Philip Woods, Zachary Duquette, Paul Hotaling and Christopher Rumpik (not pictured is Tristan Cote). SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Troop's 1st Eagle of '15 joins 7 from last year

Among the highlights of 2014 for Boy Scout Troop 82, chartered to Agawam Congregational Church, was the presentation on not one, not two, but seven Eagle Scout Awards. Tristan Cote, Paul Hotaling, Zachary Duquette, Chris Rumpik, Ryan Riel, Mason Hollander and Philip Woods all earned their Eagle rank in 2014. Each of these Eagle Scouts completed community service projects, including the restoration of the town's American flags and veterans benches, Granger School courtyard, new picnic tables at Robinson State Park, comfort kits for the Red Cross and assistance with the School Street Disc Golf Course. Cumulatively, these projects amassed nearly 1,500 hours of community service at a value of more than \$33,000.

Continuing on with its pace in 2014, Dan Robie of Troop 82 is one of the first in

Western Massachusetts to earn his Eagle Scout Award in 2015. A Court of Honor will be held in May to formally recognize Robie for his accomplishment.

Additionally in 2014, the troop had numerous outings and activities, among them a weeklong summer camp adventure, a weekend at Sikorsky Aircraft and many other hikes and camping trips. Dave Robinson also took the reins as scoutmaster in 2014. The troop has big plans for 2015 with many activities planned, and will celebrate 55 years of serving the youth of the community. The troop welcomes new members year-round. The program is open to boys age 11 (or who have completed the 5th grade) through 18. Interested parents should visit [www.troop82agawam.com](http://www.troop82agawam.com) for contact information and to view photos of recent activities.

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# In the Classroom

## HIGH SCHOOL



Scott Maloney tells his story to the sophomores at Agawam High School last Friday morning. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

# Students learn consequences of one bad decision

Speaker ‘got lucky’ to suffer only brain injury, coma after fall

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

For many years, Agawam High School has been trying to drive home the message of not drinking and driving.

Last Friday morning, sophomore students received a similar message, but got a much different story as Scott Maloney shared his tragic, but uplifting story of the massive injuries he suffered a result of an accident he suffered while intoxicated.

Principal Steve Lemanski said Maloney was recommended to him by a teacher at Agawam Junior High School who saw him speak.

“I think he has a really good story to tell,” said Lemanski. “And I really hope the students heard him and will take his advice to heart.”

Maloney was not in a typical drunk driving accident. He told a tale of a mid-September night when he had a few drinks. He was a senior in college had locked himself out of his dormitory. He was with several freshmen students, who challenged him to climb up a tree and go through the window into his room.

“Of course I wanted to impress the freshmen, so I took the challenge and I climbed the tree,” said Maloney.

Maloney would fall out of the tree, making a two-story drop to the ground and suffering numerous injuries, including a severe brain injury.

Maloney remained in a coma for 23 days. He awoke from the coma in time for

the first game of the World Series in 2004. He said he was in an out of a coma for the remainder of the series and for several more weeks.

He recalled spending a lot of time pushing his family and his girlfriend away because of his frustrations dealing with his injuries. He said menial tasks like tying his shoes were incredibly difficult while he rehabilitated. He talked of that being one of the many consequences of his poor decision that night in September, but said his family never gave up on him.

“My family fought for me,” Maloney said.

Maloney says he now travels from school to school telling his story to others. His main message: “I got lucky!”

“Most people would have died from a fall like that,” said Maloney. “I got lucky! Others can die from drunk driving accidents. I got lucky!”

He continued to repeat that message throughout his presentation.

Justin Contois, 16, said he really enjoyed listening Maloney’s story and felt like it was more than just a moral story about drinking.

“It’s a great story of survival,” said Contois. “This teaches a lesson that I hope we are listening to.”

Sophomore Hannely Santiago, 16, said she learned to not drink and drive. She says Maloney’s story hit home because she had a relative involved in a drunk driving crash.

“I definitely do not want a repeat of that,” she said.

# AJHS honor roll

Agawam Junior High School recently announced its honor roll for term 2 of the 2014-15 school year.

### Grade 8

Ashley Adams, Kalea Alvarez, Abdullah Aydah, Mariangelie Beaudry, Jason Beaver, Juliet Burbank, Jade Canney, Madison Carra, Nicholas Charest, Madison Cofer, Lilivette Colon, Eyan Corridan, Yasuo Council, Amy Crawford, Cameron Croteau, Anan Daniels, Derek Davis Tommaso DeCaro, Taylor DeGeorge, Mia DePalma, Olivia DePergola, Rachel Dialessi, Daniel Donahue, Joseph Dowd, Patrick Drake, Jared Durocher, Erin Dustin, Rawan Ebrahim, Sarah Ehresman, Alexina Ferrentino, Parker Florian, Maria Giberson-Acevedo, Stas Gladun, Kathryn Glaessner, Alia Godek, Timothy Goudreau, Jenna Grasso, Meghan Haines, Kayla Herlihy, Alexandra Humphries, Grayson Illouz, Alina Iovenco, Veniamin Iovenco, Peter Jang, Ernesto Jimenez, Hunter Jones, Miranda Kamukala, Samantha Kelley, Tyler Kelley, Amanda Kiley, Matthew King, Geoffrey Klafeta, Oleksandra Kobylanska, Ariana Korcz, Adam Krafcik, Diana Kulmizev, Autumn LaBranche, Caroline LaBonte, Trysten Lajoie, Samantha Landry, Jakob Lanski, Madelyn Lapierre, Dante Lee, Justin Lingenberg, Jorge Maisonet-Perez, Scott Malecki, Kaily Mayo, Haily Mereschuk, Morgan Miller, Allysha Miolla, Vannie Morello, Jacob Mullins, Madison O’Connell, Emily Oliver, Caroline Ortiz, Honesty Osbourne, Cassidy Patterson, Gwendolyn Payne, Joseph Pellegrino, Raisa Polyova, Jasmine Pszczola, Natalie Pullen, Kyle Reed, Mariana Reid, Noah Rivera, Katelyn Roberts, Felicity Rovatti, Sean Ryan, Isaac Saenz, Justin Salva, Robert Schlosser, Lexie Sexton, Samuel Silchuk, Isabella Silva, Brandon Smith, Casey Smith, Sara Soncini, Hayley Sotolotto, Shelby Stathis, Michael Stepanik, Sophia Strain, Stephen Surprenant, Justin Swistak, Avery Szulc, Alexandria Taylor, Lena Tedeschi, Amanda Thomas, Noah Trude, Ashley Ugolini, John Wheat, Sydney Winters, Dominic Zampiceni.

### Grade 7

Genesis Aguilar, Shkurte, Ahmeti, Arianna Albano, Sydney Anderson, Imani Barbour, Emily Bazanchuk,

Michael Beaudry, Madison Beaulieu, Brianna Benjamin, Cameron Benoit, Michael Berthiaume, Alana Black, Maxwell Blanton, Emily Bonfiglio, Elizabeth Bousquet, Gianna Boyle, Mackenzie Boyle, Allison Breton, Jason Breton, Sofia Bubuz, Nicholas Buonagurio, Deanna Burlachenko, Thomas Caracciolo, Jamie-Lyn Cavallon, Aidan Chan, Ruby Chenevert, Joseph Chuduk, Cassidy Clarke, Kiera Cooley, Emily Cote, Riley Coughlin, Olivia Courchesne, Megan Crawford, Robert D’Angelo, Emma Davilli, Madelyn Dickinson, Sydney Dietrich, Isabella Dimino, Mackenzie Douglas, Jack Dunn, Katherine Dustin, Madison Elias, Hailey Emmons, Erin Ewing, Emily Fallon, Riley Fanning, Maxwell Felix, Connor Freyre, Jaliyah Figueroa, Johnathon Filamonte, Tessa Fitzgerald, Matthew Flagg, Emily Fontaine, McKenzie Foria, Jack Frogameni, Olivia Frogameni, Emma Gale, Peter Gamelli, Sierra Gauthier, Daniel Gavrilov, Nadia Ghareeb, Emily Gillis, Mia Gonyer, Jaylee Hiersche, Kaylish Ingham, Mariel Izoita, Ally Jabry, Mia Kelley, Nastasia Kirik, Cole Klafeta, Dorina Kodreau, Alexander Korniyenko, Anthony Krzykowski, Kristen Langevin, Nickolas Lavrenchuk, Payton Lemke, Julia Lescarbeau, Matthew Long, Veronika Lukin, Evan Lyne, McKenzie Lyne, Godfrey Macadangdang, Ryan MacDonald, John Manale, Merna Mandour, Jessica Marino, Jeremy Martinez- Maldonado, Nathan Mateus, Kirsten McDonnell, Carina Menovshchikova, Zachary Moccio, Connor Montagna, Sarafina Nardi, Eric Nesen, Emelie Oberheim, Alexandra Oldenburg, Jailene Ortiz, Suzanne Page, Prem Patel, Mason Phillips, Samuel Polley, Ian Poulin, Geta Preniqi, Elshama Privedenyuk, Zachary Quick, Ashley Reagan, Cassie Reed, Summer Reigles, Madison Rinker, Abigail Rodriguez, Jonathan Rolon, Lucas Rosati, Anna Russo, Antonio Russo, Joseph Russo, Dmitriy Ryhal, Michael Santore, Angelina Shayda, Jordan Shea, Dylan Sliech, Emily Smidt, Mikayla Sole, Arianna St Peter, Esther Stepchuk, Jeian Stewart, Brooke Szafran, Emma Thomson, Nicholas Thomson, Ethan Timms, Humberto Torres, James Typrowicz, Ryan Wargo, Mason Wesley, Zack Wieners, Amanda Woodford, Marykate Wysocki, Gianna Yacovone, Eric Zheng.

## SCHOOL AGENDA

### Regular School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School  
68 Main St.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24 – 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Legal Update Workshop – Attorney Dupere (6 p.m.)
- 3. Moment of Silence
- 4. Roll Call of Attendance
- 5. Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 6. Citizen’s Speak Time:
- 7. Highlights on Education:
  - a. Reading Recovery Update
- 8. Superintendent’s Notes:
- 9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
- 10. Unfinished Business:
  - a. SCR-15-02, Adoption of the 2015-

- 2016 school calendar
  - b. SCR-15-03, Approval to name the new AHS track after Louis Conte
- 11. Business Meeting:
  - a. Routine Matters
    - 1) Approval of Minutes
    - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
  - b. Warrants/Transfers
  - c. Reports:
    - 1). Scheduled Reports:
      - Personnel Update (paper report)
      - Financial Update – R. Clickstein
      - School Choice Update – Dr. LeClair
    - 2). Subcommittee Updates
  - 12. New Business:
    - a. SCR-15-05, Acceptance of donation of a new backboard and rim for the Doering School small gym from the Agawam Athletic Association
  - 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
  - 14. Adjournment

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school’s website.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 23: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Hamburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, cake, Dole Fruit Push-Up.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, cookie.  
Thursday, Feb. 26: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.  
Friday, Feb. 27: Chicken patty on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, wacky cake, chilled fruit.

### ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 23: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Hamburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, cake, fruit.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, Dole Fruit Push-Up.  
Thursday, Feb. 26: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.  
Friday, Feb. 27: Chicken patty on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, fresh and chilled fruit.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Feb. 23: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Hamburger on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, cake, fruit.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, Dole Fruit Push-Up.  
Thursday, Feb. 26: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.  
Friday, Feb. 27: Chicken patty on a whole-wheat bun, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, ice cream sandwich, chilled fruit.

### JAMES CLARK SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Feb. 23: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Thursday, Feb. 26: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.  
Friday, Feb. 27: Mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.

## AJHS enters Math Counts team in tourney



Members of the Math Counts Club at AJHS are, from left, Coach Danielle Montambault, Tim Goudreau, Yasuo Council, Felicity Rovatti, Evan Shannon and Coach Karen Roberts. Submitted photo

The Math Counts Club, a team of Agawam Junior High School students, competed on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the 2015 Math Counts Competition held at the Hampden Charter School in Chicopee. The students competed with many middle schools in the Western Mass. district. Math Counts is a national enrichment club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory.



# Running club to award college scholarship

The Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior to help with college expenses. To be considered, an application must be received by April 30.

"The PVWRC is a civic-minded club that hopes to support a female runner in the local area through our scholarship fund," said Maryellen Sullivan, Scholarship Committee chair. "The PVWRC scholarship aims to reward a well-rounded, civic-minded, college-bound high school senior who's passionate about running."

Applications, submission requirements and selection criteria may be obtained by contacting the guidance department of the student's high school or by visiting the club's website at [www.pvwrc.org](http://www.pvwrc.org).

# Scholarships available through Polish Junior League

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts has announced that it will be awarding scholarships again this year. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students and one scholarship will be granted to a graduate or returning student.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Undergraduate Scholarship: Must be of Polish heritage; must have a permanent address in Western Massachusetts (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire or Hampden counties); must be enrolled in the sophomore year (36 credits minimum) or higher in a two- or four-year accredited college or university; have never received an undergraduate scholarship from the Polish Junior League of Massachusetts.

Graduate or Non-Traditional Student — Josephine Karwoski Memorial Scholarship: Must be female; must be of Polish heritage; must be currently enrolled or accepted to a graduate degree program, or a non-traditional student returning as an undergraduate student at an accredited institution; must have a permanent address in Western Massachusetts (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire or Hampden counties); have never received a scholarship from the Polish Junior League of Massachusetts.

Selection is based upon financial need and academic achievement. Applications are available online at [www.polishjuniorleaguema.org](http://www.polishjuniorleaguema.org) or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and written request to PJJ Scholarship Chairperson, 60 Monroe St., Agawam, MA 01001. Requests will be processed within two weeks.



Dr. Susan Harp stands with members of AHS's Future Medical Career Club in December. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Physician shares experience, advice with high school future medical club

The FMCC, or Future Medical Career Club, is a club hosted by the Agawam High School devoted to helping students with an interest in going into the medical field find and identifying different medical careers that might interest them. They host many different events and bring in guest speakers to engage club members in hands on activities and show them what the medical field can be like.

Local physician Dr. Susan Harp visited AHS on Dec. 17 to present her story, hosted by the FMCC, on how she carved her own unique path to becoming a medical professional.

"The road to becoming a doctor isn't always from A to B to C," she told the class. "There are non-traditional ways to do it."

Harp told students how she first envisioned her own future in art and drama, but was intrigued by medicine. She had graduated college, and, nine years later, after getting married and having kids, decided to begin to follow her interests and become a doctor. Harp told the students it took online classes and a lot of caffeine to fit school into her busy schedule, but that planning and guidance made it all possible. She finished her presentation by saying that most people are scared of the school, the bills and the work it takes to get there, but that is nothing to be afraid of.

"It's hard, but it's a good hard," she said. "It challenges you, and always keeps you interested. Although it takes a lot of work, in the end, it all pays off"

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# SPORTS

## HOCKEY

# Brownies rally to topple Lancers

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – On Senior Night, things were going horrible for the Agawam hockey team, which has already qualified for the tournament and has closed in on the Berry Division title.

Agawam fell behind 3-0 against Longmeadow last Thursday night, but fought all the way back and captured a 5-4 victory over the Lancers.

Agawam simply needs an easy defeat of South Hadley Friday to

clinch the league championship. Agawam already has an 8-1 victory over the Tigers during the regular season.

Longmeadow took it to the Brownies early in the evening when they scored three goals during the first 4:00 of the game. All three goals came on the power play, highlighting Agawam's only weakness during the season, staying out of the penalty box.

But the Brownies were able to make two of the goals back when

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Seamus Curran takes possession of the puck.



Agawam's John Passerini fights for the puck. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

## BASKETBALL

# Brownies battle hard to end

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team suffered a huge blow this week as they were eliminated officially from playoff contention with a tough loss against Minnechaug last Friday night.

The Brownies now join Belchertown as not making the tourney this year.

The two teams got together after more snowouts last Tuesday night and the Brownies were able to work their way from behind a few times during the game as they defeated the Orioles 50-39.



James Macey sets to pass the ball away. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Cam Cabana gets low as he prepares to shoot.

The lead flip-flopped around several times in the game as the Brownies were having a lot of trouble scoring baskets early in the game.

It started with Corey Henson and Billy Aldrich shooting well in the early parts of the game. Belchertown's pressure on defense was even better. The Orioles had a full-court press at times on the Brownies and utilized it frequently in order to force some turnovers.

The press would frustrate both of Agawam's playing lines. Agawam has been utilizing two five-man sets of players throughout games this year. The Brownies have a

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## SWIMMING

# Agawam swimmers compete at Western Mass Championships

By Nate Rosenthal

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

SPRINGFIELD - The Art Linkletter Natatorium at Springfield College has once again played host to the Western Mass Sectional Swimming Championship. Swimmers from Agawam High were participants in both the boys and girls sessions.

For two months over December and January, high school swimmers from Western Mass have been competing in dual meets and with the beginning of February comes the championships. Over the course of the season, swimmers had to qualify to swim at the Sectionals. This year the boys swam in the early afternoon, with girls following

in the evening session.

The top swimming performance was by Megan Dustin, who was third and fourth in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles. The times were 2 minutes, 00.06 seconds and 5:20.45 respectively. Monique Groux picked up points with a sixth in the diving competition scoring 371.45. Mary D'Angelo went 1:07.40 in the 100-yard butterfly for 14th place and 2:25.85 in the 200-yard Individual Medley for 13th. Swistak was 28th in the 100 breaststroke. The foursome of Amberlie Brenes, Samantha Swistak, D'Angelo and Victoria Sutherland swam 2:12.22 in the 200-yard medley relay for 14th and with Dustin in for Swistak in

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## SKIING

# Scherpa takes top spot at PVIACs

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – Jillian Scherpa captured the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference Championship on Feb. 10 after a delay in the action.

She finished first in the alpine skiing championships at Berkshire East Ski Resort in Charlemont.

She posted a combined score of 66.26 seconds between the two races. She edged out Mary Clare Crochiere from Minnechaug.

Scherpa would actually place third in the slalom race with a time of 39.04 sec-

onds. She then placed second in the giant slalom race with a time of 27.22. The two combined times were good enough for Scherpa to net first place overall.

Scherpa was the third place finisher in last year's individual championships and also led Western Mass. with so many points. She won the first three races of the year at Berkshire East and finished with four first-place finishes, two second-place finishes, and one third-place finish in the seven races held this year. An eighth run was scheduled, but postponed due to the snowstorms that took place on Jan. 26 and 27.

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# Sports

## Basile grabs Western Mass crown

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

SPRINGFIELD – Anthony Basile won his second straight Western Massachusetts Division 1 wrestling championship when he defeated Putnam's Xander Chapman by decision in the finals of 145-pound weight class.

Basile tore his anterior crucial ligament two years ago during a Thanksgiving football game in 2012. He spent nearly a year recovering and missed his entire sophomore wrestling season.

He came back last year and wrestled his way to a Western Mass. championship and followed that with strong performances at the state and all-state meets, leading to his first appearance at the New England tournament in Rhode Island.

Last Saturday afternoon at Central, Basile made the first step toward a return trip to New England when he took command of his finals match, scoring a couple of takedowns and limiting Chapman to just one escape in a 6-1 decision victory.

Chapman was incredible challenger to Basile, who fought hard and earned the right to defend his championship from last season.

Basile has had an excellent season so far and is poised to move forward.

The senior grappler was among four Agawam wrestlers that reached the finals in the tournament. As a team, Agawam would finish in third place overall. Central won its 11th straight sectional championship scoring an amazing 300 points to run away with the win.

West Springfield edged out Agawam at the end of the meet, placing second with 139.5 points. Agawam was in third place with 135.5 points.

The Brownies were very strong in the up-

per weights throughout the second half of the season, and two injured Agawam grapplers made it all the way to their respective finals, and will move on to the state meet as a result.

Fred Karl-Morin climbed to the top of the mountain at 195 pounds. He was defeated by Jered Escribano, a grappler from Central, by a 5-1 decision.

Twin brother Jim Karl-Morin also fell in the finals at 220 pounds. He was defeated by Central's Ryan Pinkham 5-1 as well.

Agawam's other finalist was Nick Blais. Blais had an excellent season and won his 100th match prior to the Western Mass. meet. He made it to the finals at 170 pounds. He was beaten by Ja'stice Viruet, a Central wrestler, by a 7-0 decision.

Other team performances at the meet included Minnechaug finishing sixth with 105.5 points, Chicopee Comp in seventh with 101 points, Ludlow eighth with 76 points, and Chicopee High coming in last with 42 points.

Comp's Brandon Moreau made it to the finals at 106 pounds, getting pinned in the first period of the matchup. Minnechaug's Riley Jacobsen fell 4-0 in the 113-pound final.

At 138 pounds, Minnechaug's Ryan Monteiro was a 13-6 decision winner over Central's Eric Rodriguez. Michael Lemoine was beat at 152 pounds 4-2 by Central's Joel Serrano.

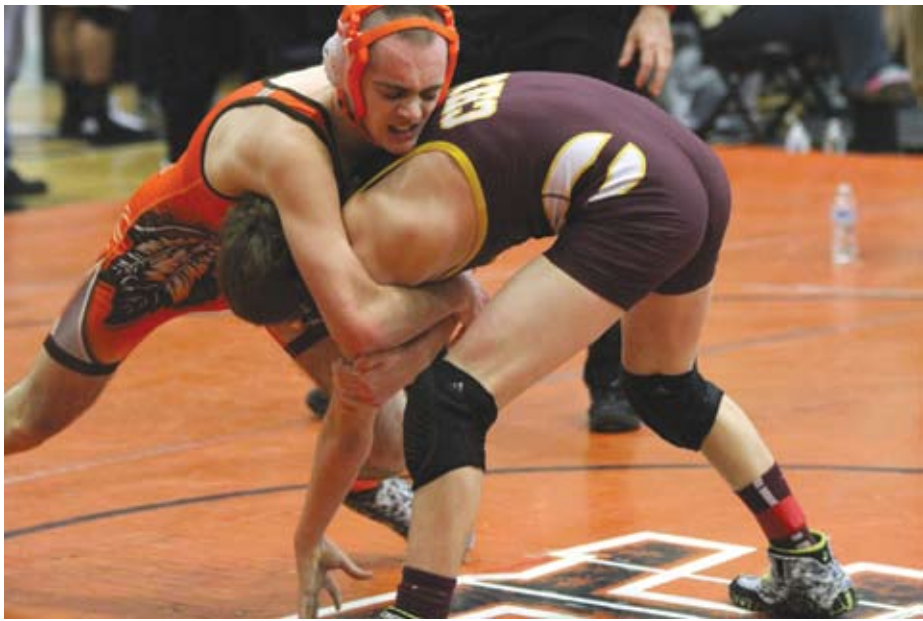
At 160 pounds, Nick Godbout suffered a defeat in the finals. He was pinned in the first period.

The top six in each weight class move on to the state tournament this weekend.

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Agawam's Daigon Bishop wrestles Chicopee's Matt Swenor in a 126-pound tournament match. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Hayden Mandrella is in action at 132 pounds for the Brownies.

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very young team and giving players an opportunity to develop has been a priority for coach Dave Federico.

Agawam, however, struggled, and only managed a couple of baskets in the first quarter.

The Brownies fell behind 11-6, but started the pick it up early in the second quarter as they started getting more rebounds and Belchertown's hot start fizzled out.

Agawam moved the ball around better and their three-point shooting picked up briefly. Mike Destefano, Meesha Ohradka, and Joe Moccio picked up treys and Agawam climbed back into the game, taking the lead during the final 2:00 of the second quarter.

At the break, Agawam had a 25-19 lead.

The two teams got a little even during the third quarter, but Agawam's defense was good enough to prevent the Orioles from going on a sustained run. Aldrich and Henson both grabbed baskets to help Belchertown stay within five points of the lead, but Ohradka and Moccio also nailed key shots in the third quarter, keeping Agawam on top.

The Brownies were able to pull away from the Orioles near the end of the game. Belchertown tried to get a few extra chances near the end of the game, but could not capitalize as they suffered another tough loss.

Agawam was led by Ohradka with 13 points. Sean Moore, Moccio, and Destefano each had seven points in the win.

Belchertown was led by Henson with 14 points and Aldrich with 13 points.

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Crochiere was the winner of the giant slalom race with a 27.21 time. She placed fifth in the slalom race.

Other time finishers included Minnechaug's Katrina Surdyka and Mackenzie Melkia, who finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Minnechaug's Heather Leckley finished 15th with a combined time of 74.18 seconds. Agawam's Jen Rossi finished 28th with a combined time of 80.85.

In the boys run, Agawam struggled, with their top finisher being Gino Aloisi. He finished with a time of 73.53 combined. Ethan Chan was next for the Brownies with a combined time of 82.33. Matt Cavallo finished with a time of 82.94.

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### COLLEGE NOTES

#### Ritter helps out Leopards

SPRINGFIELD - Wentworth men's volleyball player and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter had 38 assists and seven digs in a 3-0 win over Hunter on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Ritter, who moved into third place on the Leopards' all-time assist list, had 42 helpers, two aces, three blocks, and eight digs in a 3-1 win over Springfield on Saturday, Feb. 14.

#### Monahan grabs first for Lady Owls

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Westfield State sophomore and Agawam graduate Ashley Monahan had a first-place finish with a time of 3 minutes, 11.04 seconds in the 1,000 meters at the MASCAC Indoor Track and Field Championships on Sunday, Feb. 15.

### Fishing swap meet set for March 8

AGAWAM - A fishing swap meet will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 8.

Buy, sell, trade new and used fishing and hunting gear, but no guns allowed.

The event is open to the public.

Polish Club concessions will be open with breakfast/lunch food and drink.

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# Sports

## Registration open for girls softball leagues

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association offers softball leagues that can accommodate girls from grades 1 through 8. The cost for instructional softball for first- and second-graders is \$75 and NEYSA for third-through eighth-graders is \$100. All registrations will be held at the Sacred Heart Religious Education Center,

1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills on Saturday, Feb. 28, and Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. To register by mail, visit the Sacred Heart Athletic Association website, [www.leaguelineup.com/shsoftball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/shsoftball), download the registration form and send it in. The deadline for mail-in registration is March 9.

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Longmeadow was a man down with a four-minute major penalty during the middle of the period. Just 30 seconds into the penalty, Seamus Curran came up with the first goal of the game for Agawam. Chris Breault sent a wrister right at the goalie. Curran was able to shoot in the rebound to make it 3-1 Longmeadow. Two minutes later, Agawam's John Passerini fed Cory Pfau, who slipped the puck into a small opening between the goalie and the right post to cut Longmeadow's lead to 3-2. That would be all Agawam would get the rest of the first period, and Agawam also overcame another penalty to keep the score the same. In the second period, Breault was able to score on a quick wrist shot just after a faceoff to tie the score 3-3. In the third period, Longmeadow took a one-goal lead, but Agawam was able to re-tie the score once again when Zach Cirstota scored a goal early in the third period. Finally, with about 9:00 left in the game, Curran connected for his second goal of the game, with Cam Rivest feeding him a pass and sending it home. The Brownies got a great performance from Connor McAnanama, who allowed just one goal during the final 56:00 of the game. He would finish with 30 saves for the game.



**Niko Passerini shoots the puck.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Breault had the big game for Agawam, with a goal and two assists. Agawam is 14-3-2. Their three losses all came out of the region against Central and Eastern Mass. teams. The Brownies are 11-0-2 in the Berry Division. With the win over Longmeadow, the Brownies now have victories over every team they could possibly face in the upcoming Division 3 Tournament, which will start sometime next week. Agawam hosts South Hadley Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Olympia Ice Center.

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the 400-yard freestyle, they went 4:14.14 for 12th place. In the 200-yard free relay, it was Allison Swartz, Groux, Erin Lavoie and Dustin in 19th place. The Brownies scored 67 points for 13th place. In the boys meet David Wheat had a fourth in the 100-yard butterfly in 55.78 and a 1:06.84 for sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke. Jared Lubarski went 1:50.57 in the 200-yard freestyle for fourth. David Welch was ninth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.94 and 11th in the 100-yard freestyle in 52.58. It was 11th for Victor Sharpolov in the 200-yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:14.54 and eighth for Gregory McLaughlin in the diving with 328.25 points. Joshua Shea and Raffaele Manzi were each 24th in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke. The 200-yard medley of Sharpolov, Welch, Wheat and Lubarski was sixth to start the meet. They went 1:47.05. The same foursome swam 1:34.20 in the 200-yard freestyle relay and placed fourth. In the 400-yard freestyle, it was Michael Goyette, Shea, Dominic Kosior and McLaughlin going 4:15.41 for 15th place. The boys placed ninth with 135 points. The girls' meet was won by Northampton over Longmeadow 303.5-302, giving the Blue Devils the crown for the third year in a row. This one came own to the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Heading into the relay, Longmeadow led by 6.5 points. They finished second in the relay and were going to need some help as well. That help came in the form of three other teams, Minnechaug, Amherst and Belchertown, beating the Lancers and the difference was the 2.02 seconds that Longmeadow finished behind Belchertown. Had they gotten fifth, Longmeadow would have won by a half point. The Lancers led for most of the meet remaining in first from the third to the 11th event. Northampton was second through most of the meet. Third place overall went to Monument Mountain, who scored 211 points. Minnechaug and Belchertown each scored 185 to tie for fourth.

In the boys meet, the winner Longmeadow moved into first in the fourth event and gradually separated itself from the rest of the field, with 310 points, the Lancer were well ahead of Minnechaug with 234. This marked the end of a seven-year run for the Falcons, who have dominated the boys' swimming scene for nearly two cycles. But this was the year for Longmeadow, which takes nothing away from Minnechaug, Belchertown was third with 213. They led through three events, before the Lancers passed them. The Orioles went back and forth with Amherst over the last few events. The Hurricanes were fourth with 195. Rounding out the top five was Northampton with 184 points. The early session on the day featured the boys. There was one double winner in the meet, that being Marc Klepacki of Amherst who took both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyles. Belchertown actually beat the champions in terms of top performances. Longmeadow had but one individual first and one relay win. The meet got underway with the 200-yard medley relay. Belchertown took first with a time of 1:41.41, beating Northampton, 1:43.06 and Minnechaug, 1:43.61. Ryan Maniello of South Hadley won the 200-yard freestyle, ahead of LaClair, who he beat by .48 seconds. Brandon Louison of Monument Mountain, 1:48.93, was third. In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Quinney was well ahead of second place, Nathan McClure of South Hadley, who came in at 2:05.19. West Side's John Blair was right behind at 2:05.42. Klepacki got his first win in the 50-yard freestyle, 22:16, edging out, Johnny Williams of Northampton, 22.33. Third went Stephen Arvanitis, 22:74, of Chicopee Comp. At this point, the diving scores were in inserted. Winning a day earlier was Connor Pennington of Monson. His win was

a repeat of a year ago.. He scored 520.15 points. Jason Martinez, 445.10 of Central was second and Justin Moloney of Monson, 411.00, gave the Indians a 1-3 finish. The swimming resumed with the 100-yard butterfly, won by Williams in 50.67. Endress took second and was in 54.42 and Nicholas Rosso of Westfield was third in 54.71. Klepacki made it a double with his 49.15 win in the 200-yard freestyle, beating Blair, 49.71 and Zachary Meunier, 50.02 of Longmeadow. LaClair won the 500-yard freestyle to beat Louison, 4:55.67 and Maniello, 5:00.47. The Longmeadow foursome won the 200-yard freestyle relay, going 1:33.83, ahead of East Longmeadow, 1:33.57 and Monument Mountain, 1:33.84. Northampton's Nick Whitcomb edged out Karl Tomlinson of Minnechaug in the 100-yard backstroke, 55.37 to 55.42. Lelic from, was third. Longmeadow got its only individual win in the 100-yard breaststroke with Charly Blazy taking first in 1:01.05. Quinney was second and James Webber, 1:04.41 of Minnechaug was third. Belchertown made it two out three wins in relays with a first in the 400-yard freestyle. They were nearly 3 seconds ahead of Minnechaug, 3:23.19. Longmeadow, 3:24.17, was third. The girls swam in the evening and there were three double winners. Jerrica Li, of Longmeadow not only won the 200-yard Individual Medley and 100-yard breaststroke, but she broke the meet records in both. Teammate, Sydney Joyce took the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles, while Lauren Quinn of Minnechaug won the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyles. Longmeadow dominated the top of the events with five individual firsts, one second and one third. They also won one of the three relays and finished second in another. The second was part of a 1-2 finish in diving. Monument Mountain won the 200-yard medley relay with a record time of 1:50.85, beating Longmeadow's 1:51.25. That also broke the record. Minnechaug, 1:55.85, was third. Joyce went 1:54.76 to win the 200-yard freestyle, beating Kerry Fleming of Northampton by 2.5 seconds, 1:57.29. Megan Dustin, 2:00.06, of Agawam, was third. Li, at 2:02.48 in the 200 individual medley was .83 seconds faster than the record. In second at 2:09.48 was Kelsey Johnstone of Westfield, followed by Maeve Wilber, 2:09.98 of Monument Mountain. Quinn got the first of her two wins in the 50-yard freestyle at 24.56. Caroline Bissailon of Monument Mountain went 25.17 for second and Maria Caputo of Longmeadow, 25.42, was third. Longmeadow took both first and second in the diving. It was Allison Echeverria, 440.70 in first and Mary Carroll, 408.45 in second. Third went to Marina Wilkins, 396.15 of East Longmeadow. Kelly Lajoie of East Longmeadow was the 100-yard butterfly winner in 57.90, with Kristyn Popowski of Holyoke Catholic, 59.99 in second. Emma Wilber, 1:00.06 of Monument Mountain, was third. Quinn made it two wins, with a first in the 100-yard freestyle, in 53.24, ahead of Fleming by.69 seconds. Bissailon, 55.49, was third. Joyce became a double winner with a 5:07.47 in the 500-yard freestyle. Popowski, 5:08.19 was the runnerup and Jessie Tobin was third in 5:17.88. Longmeadow, 1:41.08 won the 200-yard freestyle relay ahead of Northampton, 1:42.94 and Amherst, 1:43.47. Maeve Wilber, 59.01 was .21 seconds ahead of Lajoie in the 100-yard backstroke to take the event. Maela Whitcomb, of Northampton, 59.82 got third. Li swam a record 1:04.08 in the 100 breaststroke, beating Johnstone, 1:07.82 and Rowan Rice, 1:10.38 of Monument Mountain. The Monument Mountain foursome then won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:41.92, with Northampton, 3:42.96 and Minnechaug, 3:46.07 in second and third.

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# Obituaries & Church News

## Marion E. Ekstedt

Marion E. Ekstedt, of Wells, Maine, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, in Portsmouth, N.H. Marion was born in Boston and adopted in Springfield in 1934. She attended Springfield schools and the University of New Hampshire. She married Bill in 1951 and enjoyed 63 wonderful years together. Bill and Marion moved to Wells, Maine in 2014 after living in Feeding Hills for 57 years. She was a member of Agawam Congregational Church and Wells Congregational Church, where she spent many hours volunteering. She worked at the Country Mouse House in Agawam for more than 20 years. Marion volunteered for 13 years at Noble Hospital in Westfield and served on the Board of Directors for the Agawam Counseling Center. She was an active member of the Pioneer

Valley Girl Scouts for many years as chairman and Brownie troop leader. She was fortunate to have done much traveling with her husband to Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, and recently met many family members in Sweden. She treasured her many friends and was well known for her “famous breads” and the many, many cards and letters she sent. Marion was a devoted mother and wife and cherished the fun at family get-togethers. Marion was predeceased by her daughter, Carin Vella, in July 2013. Marion leaves her husband, William C. Ekstedt and their daughters Cynthia Connelley, Cristin (Michael) Lyon and children Michael, Melinda, William, Erin, Robert, and Madeleine; Carin’s husband Paula Vella and children Emily, Kelsey, and



Marion E. Ekstedt

Chris; her son, Karl (Linda) Ekstedt and children Melanie, Jillian, Bob, Jaclyn, Sam, and Brendan. She was also very proud of her two great-grandchildren, Tucker and Trevor. Marion lived a wonderful, full life and always asked that when loved ones remember her, be happy for all the memories. The family will receive guests from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main St., followed by a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one’s choice. Arrangements in Maine are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, Wells (www.bibberfuneral.com). Arrangements in Agawam are under the direction of Agawam Funeral Home (413-786-9483).

## Public invited to Trinity lunches

SPRINGFIELD — Trinity United Methodist Church will once again host Lenten luncheons and mid-day chapel services during Lent this year. Every Friday beginning Feb. 20 through April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Lenten luncheons will be served in Asbury Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., next to Forest Park. Chapel services are from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. in Grace Chapel. The menu will include homemade clam chowder or soup du jour, lobster roll or other sandwiches, and homemade pie. Attendees are encouraged to come early for the best selection. Takeout orders are available by calling ahead on Friday mornings at 413-221-5399. There will be a 50 cent charge per takeout order to help defray the cost of packaging. Proceeds from the luncheons go to support local and global mission projects.

## Lenten lunches to begin Friday

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Lenten lunches at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., will begin Feb. 20 and will be offered on Fridays through March 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu each week will include

clam chowder or a different soup, lobster rolls, tuna, and ham or egg salad sandwiches on whole-wheat or white bread, and coffee, tea, soda or bottled water. Pies will be available. Take-out is available by calling 413-734-1976 by 10 a.m.

## News, upcoming events at Agawam Congregational

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., “a place to call home — a people to call family.” Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with a children’s message, church school fellowship and coffee hour following. Thursday mornings: 9:30 to 11 a.m., Playgroup. Open to the public. The program follows the Agawam Public School schedule. Saturday, Feb. 21: 7:30 a.m., Men’s Ministry meeting at Bobbie J’z. Sunday, Feb. 22: 10 a.m., Worship

service, Undies Sunday and dedication, church school, and coffee hour with “Faithful Friends.” Wednesday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m., Newsletter collation. Pastor Greg E. Dawson and his wife, Rosemary, are always available for prayer after the service. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

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Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home
- Verngani, Peter J.**  
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Funeral Feb. 11, 2015  
West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home

## Church seeks Easter artwork

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, is looking for artists of all abilities to participate in this year’s Easter art exhibit, “It Is Finished,” to be held at the church during the Easter season. Pieces should in some way reflect the biblical account of the events leading up to and including the Easter narrative. Adults and children are encouraged to participate. Artwork should be submitted to the church no later than March 15. For full submission guidelines, visit the Facebook page, “Hope Community Church Easter Art Exhibit 2015,” the website, [www.hopechurchagawam.org](http://www.hopechurchagawam.org), or call Lou Kochanek, director of Worship and the Arts, at 413-885-4932.

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[www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com)

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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer Schedule  
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.  
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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[www.stdavidagawam.org](http://www.stdavidagawam.org).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
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[www.stjohnagawam.org](http://www.stjohnagawam.org)

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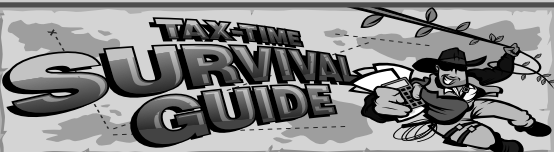


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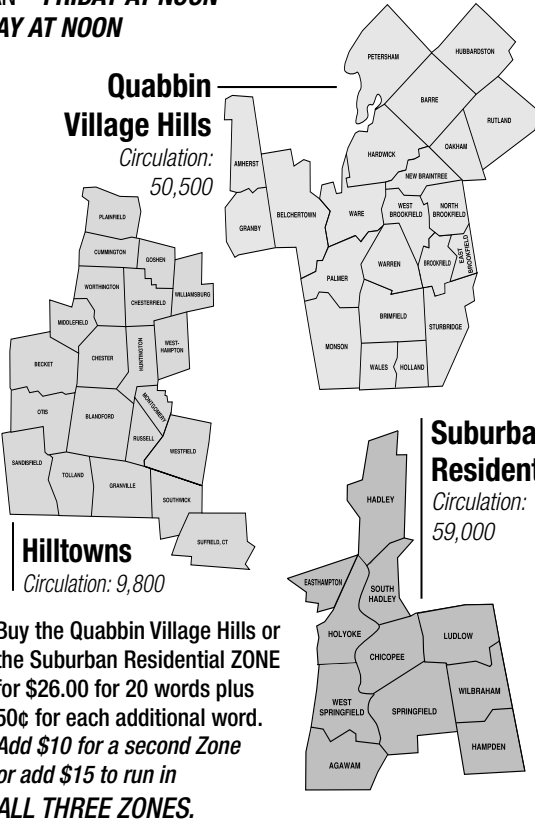
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YOUNG VISITORS ARE INVITED to join Ranger Susan Ashman at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Armory at Armory Square to make a bird feeder using a pinecone, sunflower butter, and birdseed. Learn which kinds of birds live on the Armory grounds. Participants then bring their feeders home and hang them in the perfect location.

## Thursday, Feb. 26

A SENIOR FAIR will be held at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam, from 9 a.m. to noon. Free blood pressure, hearing and balance screenings, free chair massage and free food samples from the Ninety Nine Restaurant. For more information, call 413-789-8332 or email [Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com](mailto:Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com).

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "French Art in Springfield, Mass. and Paris" with Amy Dane, world traveler and docent, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

## Monday, March 2

AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will host "Reading Alive" with Enchanted Circle Theater from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. A fun, interactive literacy workshop designed to engage children and family audiences in dramatic readings and expressive arts activities.

## Friday, March 6

THE ACC APPLAUSE SERIES continues with a performance of traditional Irish music by "Banish Misfortune," including traditional jigs, waltzes, polkas and more beginning at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

JAY LEVY, SOCIAL WORKER, ADVOCATE AND AUTHOR of "Homeless Narratives & Pretreatment Pathways: From Words to Housing," will be the guest speaker at Springfield Technical Community College, 1 Armory St., at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2).

## Tuesday, March 10

AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will host "Mom 2 Mom" from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Informal roundtable discussions for all parents to discuss topics recently presented at a Parent Café and/or Parent Education event. Inquire about community resources. Find support and encouragement. Registration not required. Free childcare available.

THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. at the Pheasant Hill Village Community Room in Feeding Hills. Attendees are asked to bring a hand tool, decorative pot, indoor plant or reference book and take one home. Refreshments will be served. Non-members are welcome.

AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will host a Memory Journal Event for children from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Children will learn to create a memory journal that they will enjoy and treasure for years come. Registration is required; limited space is available.

A FREE HOME-BUYING SEMINAR will be offered at Keller Williams Realty, Inc., 360 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 413-519-2014 or email [tiffanyMsmith@kw.com](mailto:tiffanyMsmith@kw.com).

## Wednesday, March 11

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., and will feature Loretta Medeiros, acrylic artist. Guests are welcome.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St.,

Agawam, will hold an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

## Friday, March 13

CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER hosted by the Agawam Lions Club at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., from 5-7 p.m. Tickets available at the door, in advance from any Lions Club member, at Southgate Liquors or Bob's Barber Shop on Maple St.

## Saturday, March 21

AGAWAM COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROGRAM will host the Agawam Community Informational Fair from 9 a.m. to noon in the Agawam High School cafeteria, 760 Cooper St. A great opportunity to learn about many local organizations providing services to families. Free child identification with MYCHIP, free Teddy Bear Clinic and face painting. Presentations by Firefighter Pam, Zoo on the Go and more.

## Tuesday, March 24

AGAWAM COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROGRAM WILL HOST "Healthy Sleeping" facilitated by Behavior Health Network from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. It will focus on the science of sleep and the impact of sleep habits on development and behavior in children. Registration is not required.

## Tuesday, March 31

AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will offer Parent Café from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., or 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Janet Brown will help parents identify and recognize the skills required for a child to read, and offer practical ways to create a positive reading environment in your home. Free childcare available in the morning only.

## ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.



Agawam Lions peel and cut carrots and potatoes in preparation for the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Lions corned beef dinner is March 13

The Agawam Lions Club will hold its annual corned beef and cabbage dinner Friday, March 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St.

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at Southgate Liquors, Bob's Barber Shop on Maple Street, and at the door. They may also be purchased from any Agawam Lions Club member. For more information, contact Dusty at 413-301-7229 or visit [www.agawamlions.org/events](http://www.agawamlions.org/events).

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org).

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the conference room of Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit [www.springfieldmed.com](http://www.springfieldmed.com), or email [survivorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:survivorshipprogram@gmail.com).

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit [www.springfieldmed.com](http://www.springfieldmed.com), or email [survivorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:survivorshipprogram@gmail.com).

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 413-786-7111 or email [jbrownacc@verizon.net](mailto:jbrownacc@verizon.net).

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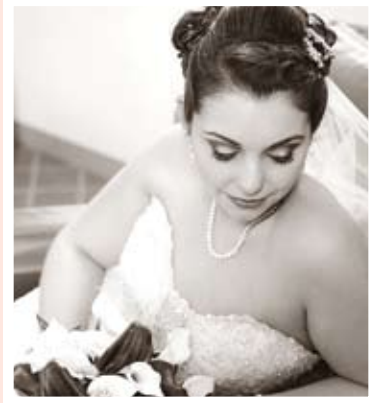
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